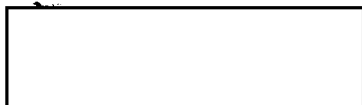


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South Vietnam



South Vietnam: The Viet Cong are continuing to carry out intensive large-scale military activity.

In addition to two effective ambushes last week near Ben Cat, north of Saigon, four other large actions have occurred in the past few days. On 30 July Viet Cong forces estimated at battalion strength attacked and occupied a government post in the southern tip of the country. On the same day a hamlet in the central coast area was attacked by two Viet Cong companies.

On 31 July a battalion-size Viet Cong unit ambushed two companies of government troops northwest of Saigon in Tay Ninh Province. On 1 August two Viet Cong companies attacked but did not penetrate a government post on the outskirts of Saigon near the airport. A hamlet in the same area was simultaneously fired on.

Also on 1 August, near the airport, an explosion in a bar injured seven American servicemen and 13 Vietnamese, one of whom died. Four suspects have been apprehended in the terrorist incident, the second in a week aimed at Americans in Saigon.

Saigon's official press agency quotes Premier Khanh, touring the provinces, as having clarified his "march North" theme in a speech on 31 July. Khanh reportedly stressed that, while government policy is to "stop the Communist invasion directed by Red China ... and end the war... this does not for the moment mean we must send our troops to strike at North Vietnam."

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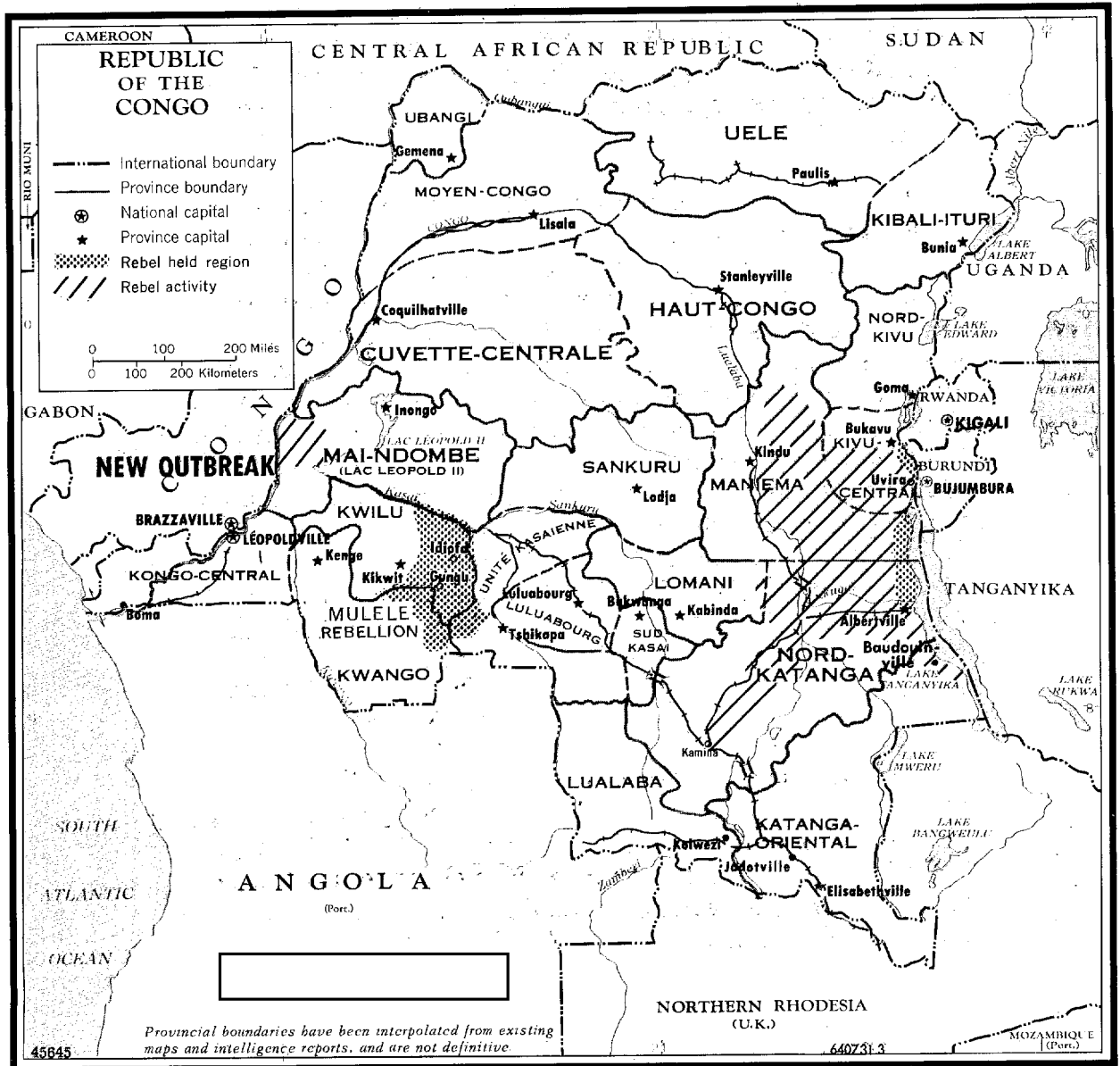
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Congo: The military situation may be slightly improved.

Troop reinforcements have been sent to Kamina and apparently are holding the city, although the situation there remains highly unstable. [Other reinforcements have been sent against the rebels north of Leopoldville; one town has been retaken in this area.] New fighting has broken out in Kwilu Province, however, [and reports from Stanleyville indicate that pro-rebel agitators are planning to mount disturbances within that city.]

(Tshombé on 31 July told the US ambassador that the Congo National Army (ANC) was "worthless." He stated, however, that if he could urgently obtain US financial support for civil action and US arms, uniforms, and vehicles for his own former Katangan gendarmes, he could stem the rebellions within two months. He would integrate the gendarmes into the provincial police, station them at key locations throughout the Congo, and use them to "back up" the ANC.)

(Tshombé is apparently undecided on the use of his white mercenaries. They have not yet been committed, and he indicated to Belgian officials he might be able to avoid using them if he receives aid to re-activate his gendarmes.)

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Tanganyika: [President Nyerere has decided to accept Communist military training missions in Tanganyika.]

[In a long conversation with the US ambassador last week, Nyerere said that an 11-man Chinese Communist mission would arrive in Tanganyika in the near future. He claimed that the Chinese "themselves" suggested that the mission remain for only six months. He also said that the Soviet military advisers and arms now in Zanzibar would be transferred to Tanganyika "for approximately the same period."]

[Nyerere said that he had been unsuccessful in his attempts to reach agreement with the UK, Sweden, Canada, and Yugoslavia for a military mission before deciding to turn to Peiping and Moscow.]

[While Nyerere professed a continued firm belief in nonalignment, he said that Communist advisers have a certain appeal for the new army he is trying to build. He envisages a defense establishment closely allied to the national party and political life, as distinct from what he termed the "British pattern of elite military living apart from the people."]

[West Germany, which last week signed an agreement to provide an air wing for the Tanganyikan Army, sees "serious problems" in the introduction of Communist military advisers into Tanganyika. Officials in Bonn have indicated, however, that such an event "would not necessarily" cause termination of West German assistance.]

[Bonn may, however, press Nyerere for a satisfactory solution of the problem of East German representation on Zanzibar before deciding to tolerate Communist military advisers.]

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